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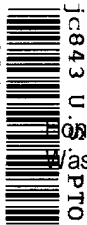
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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE REQUEST FOR FILING NATIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

Under 35 USC 111(a) and Rule 53(b)

PATENT APPLICATION

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Herewith is the PATENT APPLICATION of  
Inventor(s): Tadashi SUGIYAMA

Title DIGITAL-AUDIO-SIGNAL RECORDING APPARATUS

Atty. Dkt.: PW 0277030  
M#H7617US  
Client Ref

including:

Date: December 28, 2001

1. Specification: 28 pages (only spec. and claims)
2. ☐ Specification in non-English language
3. Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Facsimile/Copy ☒ Abstract 1 page(s); 6 numbered claims
4. ☒ Drawings: 10 sheet(s) ☒ informal; ☐ formal of size: ☒ A4 ☐ 11"
5. ☐ See top first page re prior Provisional, National or International application(s). ("X" box only if info is there and do not complete corresponding item 5 or 6). (Prior M# \_\_\_\_\_ SN \_\_\_\_\_)
6. **AMEND the specification** please by inserting before the first line: -- This is a ☐ Continuation-in-Part  
☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation ☐ Substitute Application (MPEP 201.09) of:  
6(a) ☐ National Appln. No. / filed . (M# )  
6(b) ☐ International Appln. No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_  
which designated the U.S., and that International Application ☐ was ☐ was not published under PCT Article 21(2) in English.--
7. ☐ **AMEND the specification** by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/ \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_ --
8. ☒ Attached is an assignment and cover sheet. Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.
9. ☐ Prior application is assigned to \_\_\_\_\_

by Assignment recorded \_\_\_\_\_ Reel \_\_\_\_\_ Frame \_\_\_\_\_

10. **FOREIGN** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in Japan (country)
11. \_\_\_\_\_

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12. 1 (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☒ attached; ☐ previously filed (date) \_\_\_\_\_  
in U.S. Application No. / filed on \_\_\_\_\_
13. Small entity status → ☒ is **not** claimed; ☐ is claimed (**Pre-filing confirmation required**)
- 13(a) ☐ Attached: \_\_\_\_\_ (No.) Small Entity Statement(s) (since 9/8/00 small entity statement(s) not essential to make claim)
- 13(b) ☐ See **NONPUBLICATION REQUEST** under Rule 213(a) attached (PAT-258)

14. **DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

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15. ☐ This application is being filed under Rule 53(b)(2) since an inventor is named in the enclosed Declaration who was not named in the prior application.

16. ☐ Attached:

17. ☐ Preliminary Amendment:

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18. Basic Filing Fee				\$740/\$370	\$740	101/201
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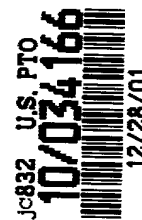
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- ☒ Patent application (28 pages of specification; 6 claims; 1 pages of abstract)
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$740.00 to cover the filing fee
- ☒ A Declaration/Power of Attorney
- ☒ 10 sheets of informal drawings
- ☒ Return postcard
- ☒ An Assignment of the invention with cover sheet and \$40.00 recordation fee

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